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Wilson's Ignorance

Governor Wilson has three methods of dealing with the tariff question. One is to ignore it entirely in certain localities, another is to condemn protection in certain other localities, and another is to assure his hearers that he doesn't mean to do any harm to American industries. But Mr. Wilson is still a free trader, not so much a practical free trader as a theoretical free trader—that is, a free trader who doesn't know what he is talking about.

He pretends that the high cost of living is due to the tariff, ignorant, apparently, of the fact that the cost of living has increased all over the world. He thinks that the increasing cost of coal is due to the tariff, but apparently doesn't know that there has been no duty on anthracite coal for many years.

He very flatly declares that the high price of meat is due to the tariff, and yet his very statements show that he is ignorant of the entire subject. No one has cleared up this matter better than ex-Congressman William S. Bennett, who calls attention to the fact that in the discussion of the tariff Governor Wilson has shown an appalling ignorance of both the law and the facts. Says Mr. Bennett:

"I am confirmed that statement by the governor's speech at the Syracuse state fair. If Governor Wilson had taken the trouble to inquire of any butcher he would have found there are at least three cuts of beef in the market—to wit, grass or alfalfa fed, fresh killed range cattle technically known as Texas or Colorado beef and frozen range beef. The corn fed beef is the best and most nutritious and most expensive. The low price beef which is sold in England and with which the governor compares our corn fed beef is the frozen range beef from the Argentine. There is no demand in New York for frozen beef. If there was it could be delivered to our wholesale markets at this time of the year at about 7½ cents a pound.

"I looked in the live stock quotations of the same newspapers which reported Governor Wilson's speech and found that Texas beef was selling in New York City at the time the governor was speaking at from 9 cents to 11 cents a pound. Upon Washington heights corn fed beef was selling that day for good cuts at 28 cents a pound retail.

"I took the trouble to go down to a market on Ninth avenue just south of Forty-second street and note the prices that obtained there, I presume, for Texas beef. In a very clean, attractive and busy market beef was selling at the following prices: Rib roast, 12 cents; boneless rib roast, 16 cents; sirloin, 18 cents. This was all meat that had been killed inside of 48 hours and brought from Chicago in refrigerator cars, but not frozen.

"When the governor talks about a tariff on beef he never refers to the fact that under the Payne bill, section 285, tariff on fresh beef was reduced from 2 cents a pound to 1½ cents, as was also tariff on fresh veal, mutton, lamb and pork. The Argentine beef comes in under section 286 at 25 per cent, which would mean about 1½ cents a pound. Therefore in his statements of facts Governor Wilson omits to state that he is comparing the price of corn fed beef in this country with frozen range beef from the Argentine and omits to state that if you want frozen beef or Texas beef in New York City you can get it today, United States inspected, city inspected, guaranteed weights, at from 12 to 18 cents a pound retail.

"It might be fair also to ask Governor Wilson on his own theory how he knows that if we took off the tariff of 1½ cents on fresh beef it would reduce the price, when we do know that the reduction in the tariff from 2 cents to 1½ cents has not done anything of the kind.

"The governor says that there are as many cattle per capita as there used to be, but neglects to state that the average is fully 1 per cent less than in former years, while owing to the increase in our prosperity consumption has shown about 20 per cent increase. Corn has also been very high, thus increasing the price of corn fed beef.

"However, it is not my intention to enter into a catalogue of the reasons for the advancement in price, but to call attention again to the way in which Governor Wilson refuses to be hampered by well known facts in his tariff discussion."

CANDIDATES OF DEMOCRACY HAVE NEW PLATFORM

POLITICAL PLEDGES ARE DRAFTED AT MEETING OF CANDIDATES LAST NIGHT

At a meeting of the democratic county candidates and members of the county central committee, held last evening at the democratic headquarters, the county platform was adopted and other matters of business transacted. The platform was to have been adopted shortly after the primary election, and then the matter was placed in the hands of a committee that rendered a report last night.

In addition to pledging the candidates to support the national candidates, the platform favors popular voting for United States senator, advocates the amending of the primary law, asks for a presidential preferential primary, urges a purity of election law, favors free text books for schools, favors the constitutional amendments regarding the recall, prosecution upon information, twice a month payday, woman's suffrage, bank guarantee, good roads and several other planks regarding the safeguarding the lives of miners employed underground.

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Five hundred kegs of powder exploded during a fire and it is believed nearly 50 persons were killed and several hundred injured.

BOY HANGS HIMSELF

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 10.—Roy Young, aged 11, hanged himself yesterday, fearing punishment. It is believed, because he struck a brother with a knife. Roy's mother last night read him a story of a boy who hanged himself, and this seemed to have made a deep impression on the boy.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

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